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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINUS

CERTIFIED MAIL (Return Receipt Requested)

Mr. Ken May, General Manager Canyon Fuel Company, LLC-SUFCO Mine 397 South 800 West Salina, Utah 84654

Dear Mr. May:

Subject: Request for Information, Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination

System (UPDES) Permit No. UT0022918 - SUFCO Mine.

On October 19, 2005 staff from Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and Division of Oil Gas & Mining met with you and staff from SUFCO to discuss reports of black water in Quitchupah Creek downstream from Outfall 003 of your UPDES Permit. During the meeting, you presented the layout for the entire mine water distribution system and SUFCO's plan of action to address the concerns of black water in Quitchupah Creek.

This letter shall serve as a formal request for information as to the findings of your own investigations and also for your preventative action plan to address any potential future problems. Included with the action plan, please provide a timeline to accomplish projects that may still be on going.

Your written response is requested within 14 days upon receipt of this letter. DWQ appreciates SUFCO's continued willingness and cooperation to address this matter.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Studenka of this office at (801) 538-6779 or by e-mail at jstudenka@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

Walter L. Baker, P.E. Executive Secretary

WB/JS/st

cc: Darcy O'Connor, EPA Region VIII

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